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MEMORANDUM

TO: INR - Mr. Ray S. Cline
FROM: O/OM - Thomas Stern
SUBJECT: Geographic Attachés; Foreign Map Procurement

Concerning the above subject, I found our conversation of last week very useful, and am recording my understanding of the position which you, representing the Department, will take in the relevant NIRS deliberations.

First, in order to preserve the foreign map procurement activity in its present concept, there must be a more equitable arrangement than at present for the allocation of operating costs. Our survey of the matter suggests a maximum annual State contribution of \$100,000, to be adjusted downward if the level of program activity is reduced.

Second, while State is prepared to continue providing one of the professional slots and the three foreign national slots presently used by the program, all remaining overseas slots should be put on military rolls and absorbed by the Department of Defense within its overseas ceiling.

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Third, the methods of managing and operating the program need review with an eye to some revision. We believe useful savings and efficiencies can be achieved by introducing some changes.

The above points reflect reasonably well the principal findings of our OM study to date. I hope you are successful in persuading the NIRS to adopt them.

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